



Cyngor Tref Rhydaman

Ammanford Town Council

**Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Ammanford Town Council on Monday
18th May 2026 at 6pm at Ammanford Rugby Club, and via Teams**

Chair, Cllr. H Howells presided over the meeting

Members Present

Cllr H Howells (Chair)
Cllr C Higgins
Cllr A Jones
Cllr C Evans (online)
Cllr C Hope
Cllr D Harries
Cllr E John
Cllr LI Davies
Cllr N Morgan
Cllr P Allchurch

Also Present

J Gazette – Chief Officer & RFO
R Finch - Deputy Clerk
G Ware – Estate Officer and Administration Officer (note taker)

Minute 0118052026 Ymddiheuriadau a rhesymau dros absenoldeb/ Apologies and reasons for absence

Cllr W Erasmus was not present and had provided no apologies.

Minute 0218052026. Datganiadau diddordeb/ Declarations of interest

None.

Minute 0318052026 Cadarnhad o gofrestr y cyfarfodydd canlynol:/Confirmation of the minutes of the following meetings:

(i) **EGM 11^{fed} Mai 2026/EGM 11th May 2026**

i) Cllr E John had emailed a request to change wording from minutes of the of the EGM held on 29th April 2026 from · First Floor Premises: Councillor E. John requested that it be formally recorded that he does not consider it justified for the Council to take on the first-floor premises and expressed concern regarding the use of what is currently a residential property within Ammanford.

To the following:- First Floor Premises: Councillor E. John requested that it be formally recorded that he does not consider it justified for the Council to take on the first-floor premises for storage and the associated additional expenditure and expressed concern regarding the loss of what is currently a residential unit within Ammanford that could be used by a family on the housing waiting list.

ii) Cllr C Hope would like Cllr W Erasmus' behaviour noted in the minutes. The council confirmed the amendment wording to be added – “when asked for clarification on which way he was voting, Cllr W Erasmus made a threatening cutthroat gesture.”

It was **Resolved** minutes be deferred until the next full council meeting.

Minute 0418052026 Participiad cyhoeddus/ Public participation

It was **unanimously Resolved** that, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Minute 0518052026 Cyfethol i Lenwi'r Sedd Wag Cynghorydd/Co-option to Fill Councillor Vacancy

Applications were received for two vacant offices in the Pantyffynnon Ward. Two candidates sent an expression of interest. If appropriate, to appoint a candidate by co-option in accordance with Section 116 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

i)The Council welcomed Candidate A, the Mayor asked the following interview questions:

1. What do you believe are the main issues or priorities currently facing Ammanford and its residents?
2. How would you balance representing residents' views while also making decisions in the wider interests of the whole community?
3. If appointed, what would you hope to achieve during your time as a Councillor?
4. How would you deal with a situation on where residents strongly disagreed with a Council decision?
5. What is the difference between the role of a County Councillor and that of a Town Councillor?

In addition to questions raised above Cllr C Hope asked how Candidate A would manage RFC customers and her job.

Cllr E John asked if Candidate A is available on Monday evenings.

Cllr A Jones joined the meeting 17:50

Unanimously RESOLVED that Sian Evans be appointed by co-option as Town Councillor for the Pantyffynnon Ward in accordance with Section 116 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

Cllr Sian Evans read out the acceptance of office to the Ammanford Town Council.

The Chief Officer invited Candidate B back into the meeting at 17:50. Candidate B joined the meeting at 17:52.

ii)The Council welcomed Candidate B, the Mayor asked the following interview questions:

1. What do you believe are the main issues or priorities currently facing Ammanford and its residents?
2. How would you balance representing residents' views while also making decisions in the wider interests of the whole community?
3. If appointed, what would you hope to achieve during your time as a Councillor?
4. How would you deal with a situation on where residents strongly disagreed with a Council decision?
5. What is the difference between the role of a County Councillor and that of a Town Councillor?

Additional questions were raised:

Cllr E John asked if Candidate B is available on Monday evenings.

Unanimously RESOLVED that Karen McMinn-Davies be appointed by co-option as Town Councillor for the Pantyffynnon Ward in accordance with Section 116 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

CLLr Karen McMinn-Davies read out the acceptance of office to the Ammanford Town Council.

Chair closed the meeting at 18:10

Signed:

Date:

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